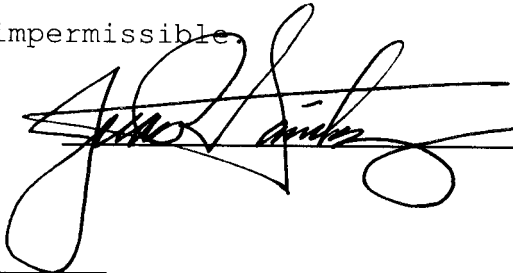


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

RAY D. WASHINGTON, )  
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Plaintiff, )  
 )  
v. ) Civil Action No. 02-3159  
 )  
MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, )  
 )  
Commissioner of )  
 )  
Social Security )  
 )

ORDER

AND NOW, this the 19<sup>TH</sup> day of December, 2007,  
upon consideration of Plaintiff's petition for attorney's fees  
and costs under § 206(b) of the Social Security Act and  
Defendant's objection to Plaintiff's petition for costs, it is  
hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall pay to Plaintiff's counsel,  
Ralph M. Russo, Esquire, the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred  
Dollars (\$5,500.00) in attorney's fees being withheld from  
Plaintiff's past-due benefits for court related services.  
Plaintiff's petition for costs under § 206(b) of the Social  
Security Act is DENIED as impermissible.

  
J.